

# Press Release

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Re: New Staff Member

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## Authority Hires Smith as Grants Coordinator

Larry Smith has been named Grants Coordinator for the Authority. He joined the staff on Monday, March 9, assuming the position that has been vacant since early January.

With a master's degree in operations management from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Smith will be redesigning the Authority database and developing appropriate reports to improve the flow of information to the Authority's internal and external customers, according to Vice President Management Services Chuck Myers. Smith will report directly to Myers.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL.

Prior to accepting the position at the Authority, Smith was a part-time instructor with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Camp Robinson. In addition to his teaching, Smith has been an information technology consultant. Prior to that, Smith worked for the Arkansas Assessment Coordination Division, a state agency.

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While with the Division, Smith served as computer operations manager, following a stint as programmer/analyst. As manager he successfully developed an assessment administration and collection system for use by all Arkansas counties.

Prior to his work with the state, Smith served in the U.S. Air Force as superintendent/supervisor of production control at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

He is married, has two children, two grandchildren and lives in Jacksonville.

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*Smith hired as Grants Coordinator, March 16, 98/News/Media/Communications Manager/e*